

THE MESSAGE OF 1 PETER

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### Dean Karnazes







"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

1 Peter 4:19 NIV



"Western culture has things a little backwards right now. We think that if we had every comfort available to us will be happy. We equate comfort with happiness. And now we're so comfortable we're miserable. We get in the car, we get in the lift it all comes so easy. What I find is that I'm never more alive when I'm pushing, when I'm struggling for achievement and in that struggle."



#### James 1:2-4

"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."



# Make sure you are suffering for the <u>right</u> reasons

"...those who suffer according to God's will" 1 Peter 4:19



## Make sure you <u>commit</u> yourself to God

"... commit themselves to their faithful Creator" 1 Peter 4:19



#### 1 Peter 2:23

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he *entrusted himself* to him who judges justly."





చెన్నైకి చెందిన తుకాణం (70), నెల్లూరు వాసి అంజమ్మ (65)ది ప్రేమ వివాహం. నెల్లూరు శివారులో పొలం కౌలుకు తీసుకుని వ్యవసాయం చేస్తుండేవారు. అందరి మాదిరిగా బాగానే బతుకుతూనే తమకు ఉన్నంతలో పది మందికి



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#### Jude 24

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy"

#### 2 Timothy 1:11-12

"And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day."



#### 1 Peter 4:14 NIV

"If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."



"For the believer all pain has meaning. There is no question that adversity is difficult. It usually takes us by surprise and seems to strike us when we are most vulnerable. To us it often appears completely senseless and irrational, but to God none of it is either senseless or irrational. He has a purpose in every pain He allows in our lives. We can be sure that in some way He intends it for our profit and His glory."

Jerry Bridges, Trusting God



## Make sure you continue to do good

"... and continue to do good."

1 Peter 4:19



#### **Psalm 37:3**

"Trust in the Lord and do good."

#### 1 Peter 3:9

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."



### CONCLUSION

Is there anywhere you need to change your mindset, your thinking in these key areas?

- If you're suffering is it for the right reasons?
- Are you committing yourself to God?
- Are you continuing to do good?

